

Re: Concerns on Schrader Mounted Unit Enforc...

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Hi Matthew,

Thanks for reaching out. I am aware of this incident. The officers were flagged down by a resident complaining about complete blockage of the sidewalk causing pedestrians to walk in the street. There was also alcohol being consumed in public. During the contact, it was discovered that one of the individuals had a felony warrant. He was arrested. One other was cited for open container and the other for 41.18(d). To my knowledge, none were cited for a shopping cart.

As you know, officers are faced with challenging situations everyday, especially when dealing with homelessness and angered community members. I believe they did what they felt was reasonable and appropriate. I also think a meeting to further discuss enforcement posture and expectations is necessary.

Brian/Dan, Please chime in with suggestions on who you would like at the meeting. This topic continues to be a gray area for us.

Thanks,
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Good Afternoon Commander Choi,

Yesterday, at around 2:00pm the staff from The Center witnessed LAPD's Mounted Unit at the Schrader outreach focus area. Both the LAPD Metro Mounted Unit and plain clothes detectives engaged with individuals living in the encampments because of a report generated of someone defecating.

An hour later, LAPD's mounted unit gave tickets to those in the encampment on the northside of Selma, east of Las Palmas. The following tickets were given:

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Blocking the sidewalk: 41.18(d)
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Possession of a shopping cart: 41.45

(photos were provided of the interactions)

Additionally, one person was taken into custody (reason unknown).

Those living in encampments informed outreach staff that this type of enforcement increases after dark. This type of enforcement is alarming for our outreach teams who are working day in and day out with these individuals along with those living in the encampments. We are hoping that we can have a meeting with the Captain Cory Palka and CD-13 so that we can discuss these matters.

Thank you.

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